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For:	Public Key Cryptographic	§	Docket No.:	200301647-5
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Date: April 23, 2008

Sir:

The statements for reasons for allowance appear to be based on the language of independent claim 1 (which differs from at least some of the other independent claims), and thus do not fully reflect the individual subject matter of each allowed claim. Each of the claims sets forth Applicants' contribution with particularity, and each claim is allowable in light of the complete language of the claim, as well as equivalents. Applicants therefore respectfully assert that the scope of each claim as allowed is to be determined from the actual language of each claim, including all equivalents.

If the Examiner disagrees with this interpretation of the reasons for allowance, he is requested to immediately contact the undersigned.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the Payment of the Issue fee and the Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance filed concurrently herewith were served via Express Mail, Express Mail Label No. EF397558645US, this 23rd day of April 2008 to:

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